

22 May 1956

TO: Department of State  
Attention: Mr. A. E. Abajian  
Office of Investigations  
Refugee Relief Program

FROM: Deputy Director, Plans

SUBJECT: RAKO, Andreas (Andros)

1. Reference is made to your SI memorandum DRP/Control No. Salsburg 14557, dated 26 March 1956, subject as above, whose name you desired checked against the files of this office. The files contain voluminous, unconsolidated references to Subject. The following represents an abbreviated statement about the type of activity with which he has been connected since his departure from Hungary toward the end of World War II. A detailed examination of all references would require several months to complete. Although Subject is not known to have Communist or pro-Soviet sympathies, the scope and orientation of his activities have made him a controversial figure.

2. During World War II, Subject was either the head of the Hungarian Military Intelligence Department or one of its most prominent members. At the end of the war he fled to Austria to avoid being captured by Soviet troops. He has since lived in Austria as a refugee, most recently at Alton, in what was formerly the French Zone of Occupation. During his residence in Austria he has been closely and actively connected with anti-Communist right-wing emigre Hungarian elements. These have been grouped together under various names, the most widely known being that of the Magyar Harkadek Magyarai Keressege (League of Hungarian Veterans - MHK). At present, Subject is the titular head of the MHK.

3. This organization is known to be active in politics and intelligence. Political activity centers on the "registration" of Hungarian emigres in all parts of the world as members of the MHK. The membership is thus alleged by the governing committee of the MHK to represent an organized group of trained men, ready to engage in any sort of anti-Communist activity. Donations are requested by the MHK against its members, the resulting fund being used to support "accredited representatives" in various cities of the world, including, for example, Vienna, U.S. These representatives attempt to persuade governments, political parties, and groups of private citizens to contribute further funds and political

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vigilant for the basic KGB organization. General KGB and his associates have consistently attempted, under various guises, to enlist financial and potential support from numerous government agencies, both in the United States and abroad.

4. Shortly after the end of World War II, members of the KGB enjoyed relatively good contacts in Hungary, which were exploited as intelligence assets. Information received through these channels was made available to various Western European governments.

5. The KGB has been since its inception an object of interest to the Communist Hungarian Intelligence Service and a target for penetration and disruption. There are no reports available, however, that reflect that Subject is anything but basically anti-Communist in political conviction and activity.

6. For further information, you are referred to SCDB-4230, dated 11 August 1952, subject: Paper Mills and Fabrication.

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